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Dear Champaign Resident:

I am writing to introduce myself as the new manager for the environmental project at the former manufactured gas plant at 5th and Hill Streets. I also want to bring you up-to-date with the project.

Earlier this year, Illinois Power and its environmental contractor removed water that was floating on top of coal tar in an in-ground gas holder. The water was pre-treated and then sent to the Sanitary District's wastewater treatment plant for disposal.

In December 1991, our contractor returned to sample the air in the basement of the houses that had been tested previously. The report of the results has been reviewed and approved by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

The second round of sampling found that basement air in five homes near the project site did not differ from the basement air in two homes away from the site. These results indicate that the residues from the former manufactured gas plant are not affecting air quality in these houses near the site.

Copies of the report of the latest air sampling, which is an addendum to the August 21, 1991 report, have been placed in the Douglass Branch Library, 310 East Bradley Avenue and the main library at 505 South Randolph Street.

In mid-November we will be working on the monitoring wells on and around the site and collecting another round of samples from the wells. We also expect to return to the Hill Street site for additional work later this winter. We will let you know in advance what work will be done and when it begins. In the meantime, if you have any questions, you may call Gretchen Monti, a community relations specialist working for us on this project. Her toll-free number is 1-800-232-3108.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary M. Russell".

Mary M. Russell
Environmental Specialist